

Agenda Item: I.B.**DATE:** July 14, 2005**SUBJECT:** Post Approval Monitoring Report**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Following the approval of new academic programs, an annual performance review is conducted each year during the first three years for pre-baccalaureate programs and the first five years for baccalaureate and graduate programs. If deficiencies are noted during the review period, THEC will request information to explain the deficiencies and specific plans for corrective action or recommend programs for termination.

The criteria for reviewing programs are based on goals established in the approved program proposal. The goals include, but are not limited to enrollment and graduation ratios, program cost, progress toward accreditation, library acquisitions, student performance, and other goals set by the institution and agreed upon by the governing boards and Commission staff. The Commission may also choose to extend this period if additional time is needed and requested by the governing board.

In the July commission meeting of each year, staff presents the Post Approval Monitoring Reports for programs that are within the three or five year review period.* The programs found to be deficient at that time are required to submit Program Productivity Plans to explain deficiencies, submit plans for corrective actions, or initiate program terminations.

There are various reasons why programs do not meet projected benchmarks. The implementation of a program can be delayed due to difficulty of hiring faculty, inadequate recruitment practices, changes in labor market demands, or other issues not within the control of the institution.

Program reviews start after the academic year that follows the approved implementation date. The twelve (12) programs approved by the Commission between July 2004 and April 2005 are as follows:

Degrees	Number
• Doctoral	5
• Masters	3
• Baccalaureate	2
• Associate	1
• Certificate	1

*The lists of programs in the post approval monitoring status will be provided at the commission meeting.